

REMARKS

Claims 15-33 are currently pending in this application and are subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 15-33 are amended to clarify what is claimed and to put the claim in better form for U.S. prosecution. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added as support for the claims as amended exists in the specification and claims as originally filed. Applicants note that support exists in the specification at, for example, page 17, line 29, for the addition of trimethylammonium ethyl acrylate methyl sulfate (ADAMquat) to claim 23.

Response to Restriction Requirement

According to the Restriction Requirement, the application includes claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. *See* Office Action at 2. The species set forth in the Office Action are listed below, followed by Applicant's elections in **bold** type:

(1) part A of the copolymer inclusive of the amphoteric part (A_C or A_A units and optional A_N unit) or the zwitterionic part (A_Z and optional A_C or A_A or A_N units);

Applicant elects: A_C and A_A, and optionally A_N.

(2) part B inclusive of the various species expressed in claim 31;

Applicant elects: butyl acrylate.

(3) the cationic unit A_C inclusive of the various species expressed in claim 23;

Applicant elects: trimethylammonium ethyl acrylate methyl sulfate (ADAMquat).

(4) the anionic unit A_A inclusive of the various species expressed in claim 25;

Applicant elects: acrylic acid.

(5) the hydrophilic and/or hydrophobic neutral unit A_N inclusive of the various species expressed in claim 27;

Applicant elects: acrylamide.

(6) the zwitterionic unit A_Z inclusive of the various species expressed in claim 29;

Applicant respectfully submits that no election is required for this species in light of the election above for species (1); however, to be fully responsive, Applicant elects sulfopropyl dimethylammonium ethyl methacrylate.

(7) the physical form of the copolymer inclusive of powder, dispersion or solution as expressed in claim 21;

Applicant elects: solution.

(8) the final composition comprising the copolymer inclusive of a detergent, fabric care, cleansing skin care or hair care compositions expressed in claim 33.

Applicant elects: fabric care composition.

Applicant submits that claims 15-27 and 30-33 read on the elected species. Applicants remind the Examiner that upon allowance of a generic claim, claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim should be considered.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance; notice to that effect is hereby solicited. Should any issues remain to be discussed in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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